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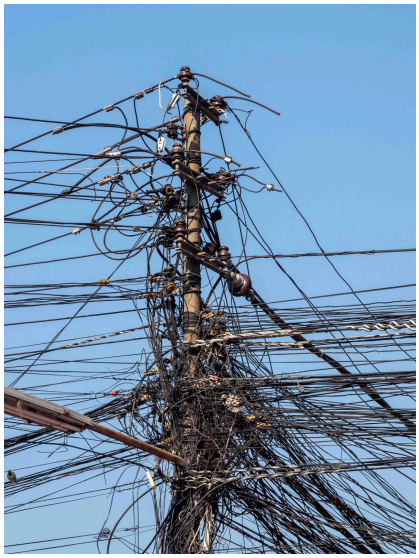
Promoting good governance in BC's energy sector

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"The Editor"

Feature article



BC's legislated energy objectives need a reset

The BC Conservatives have different priorities to the outgoing NDP government. They should make them clear to BC Hydro and the BCUC.

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In other news

Following the recent provincial election, BC has a new **Energy Minister**: Larry Neufeld. The re-structured Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources no longer handles most of the province's "climate action framework" (responsibility for that has **moved** to the Ministry of the Environment).

The federal Minister of Energy **announced** a $200 million "investment" in BC's Woodfibre LNG plant. The money will be used to increase production from 2.1 to 2.5 million tonnes per annum, and to explore a potential second phase of the project. The Minister did not explain why these activities required the use of taxpayers' money.

The Canada Energy Regulator wrapped up its "unprecedented" **hearing** into whether Powell River Energy Inc. (PREI) will be allowed to export all its electricity for 30 years. PREI claims BC Hydro didn't offer it a competitive price; BC Hydro claims PREI didn't negotiate in good faith. The case continues...

TELUS, the Vancouver-based (for now) telecommunications company, has **reportedly** pulled out of a data centre deal with Westbank, a local property developer. The agreement to build one data centre in downtown Vancouver and another in Mount Pleasant was launched to great fanfare just six months ago. BC Hydro has still not announced the winners of its auction for data centre electricity, which is currently rationed in BC.

The United Nations' COP31 talks on climate change in Antalya, Turkey, **collapsed** after failing to reach agreement on new climate policies, the first time this has happened since 2009. Views among the 196 participating countries differed on whether to mention fossil fuels as a problem, whether to consider carbon capture and storage as a solution, and who should pay for everything. On to Addis Ababa next year, then.

Recent articles



BC should abandon its GHG emissions targets

No BC government has met a target in nearly two decades, and the new regime is putting a lower priority on solving climate problems. It’s time to end the charade and admit that reducing GHG emissions is a long-term ambition, and progress will be uneven.

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How will the new government solve BC’s electricity shortages?

The BC Conservatives’ energy proposals will accelerate a shift that started belatedly under the NDP. And more use of natural gas could well be part of the plan.

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“There are no solutions. There are only trade-offs.”

Thomas Sowell

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